

September 1998 Partner and Task Force Meeting

CLI Partner and Task Force members met again on September 23 and 24 in Alexandria, VA. Efforts were made beforehand to encourage the involvement of as many participants as possible. A CLI Update, published in August 1998, invited interested parties to attend the meeting. The update was sent to all Partner and Task Force members and CLI Stakeholders, and was posted on the World Wide Web. Some project Stakeholders, such as environmental organizations, were telephoned and personally invited to the meeting by EPA staff members. Forty-seven people were in attendance. Julie Winters of the U.S. EPA's OPPTS served as the moderator. (For a complete list of attendees, refer to Appendix 7-2.)

The goals of the meeting were:

- # to present the data and the findings of Phase II quantitative and qualitative research, in order to ensure the understanding of participants;
- # to develop possible recommendations and action steps arising out of Phase II work;
- # to make policy recommendations when possible and appropriate;
- # to recommend label changes and identify tradeoffs in going forward; and
- # to recommend further research where necessary.

During the first day, findings, implications and conclusions from both the quantitative and qualitative Phase II CLI research were presented. Members of the subgroups on Storage and Disposal and Consumer Education also gave reports on their activities.

On the second day of the meeting, participants were asked to make recommendations to the EPA on policy changes, immediate label changes, and areas for further research, based on the information presented the day before. For a full list of the recommendations, please refer to Chapter 9. Discussion included topics addressed on the first day, as well as ingredient information, signal words, hazard hierarchy, and label format/language. CLI recommendations on which participants could agree were adopted to be presented to the EPA, for consideration by the Agency for possible adoption. For details on the discussion that took place during this meeting, refer to Appendix 7-3.